

**1. WHAT IS THE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT?**

The Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) is a state mandated interagency program that provides services to children and families in the community. The objective of the program is to keep children within or return them to the community and families, with services that are child centered, family focused and locally based. The program is implemented through two groups: Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) and Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT)

**2. WHAT IS THE FAPT TEAM?**

The Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) is comprised of the supervisory staff from the local Department of Social Services, School System, Community Services Board (mental health) and the Court Services Unit (juvenile justice), as well as a parent and representatives from private providers in the community. The FAPT works with the families to develop an Individualized Family Services Plan, or Plan of Care. This team makes recommendations for strategies and services based on the strengths and needs of the family.

**3. What is the CPMT?**

The Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) is comprised of at least one elected or appointed official or his designee and the agency heads or their designees from the local Department of Social Services, School System, Community Services Board (mental health) and the Court Services Unit (juvenile justice), a parent and a private provider. This team has administrative and fiscal responsibility for the local funds pool, for developing local policies and procedures and appointing members of the Family Assessment and Planning Team.

**4. WHEN AND WHERE ARE THE CPMT MEETINGS?**

Meetings are held the second Wednesday every month, 2:30 P.M. at the Montgomery County Health and Human Services Building.